

# **REMARKS**

Please cancel claims 1-16, 20, 36, 37 and 42, without prejudice or disclaimer; and amend claims 17 and 18, 31, 35, 38, 39, 43 and 45. These amendments are in accordance with a conversation with Examiner Bijendra K. Shrestha on April 7, 8 and 20, 2010, where subject matter was identified that would place the pending claims in condition for immediate allowance, the claims amended accordingly herein. Claims 17-19, 21-35, 38, 39 and 43-45 are pending.

Claim 17 has been amended to incorporate certain subject matter from claims 18 and 31 into independent claim 17. Claim 18 has been amended accordingly to make it more consistent with the claim form which it depends. Claim 35 has been amended to include the subject matter of claims 36 and 37 to achieve allowance. Claim 43 and 45 are amended to better specify the claimed invention and/or make the claim more consistent with the claim from which it depends. The amendments are self-supporting as the subject matter was previously present in the claims, as originally filed, and in the specification. No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application and entry of the amendments in order to permit immediate allowance of the pending claims.

CONCLUSION

If further discussion is deemed necessary by the Examiner, a call to the undersigned is welcomed at the number below. Applicant requests reconsideration and requests immediate allowance of all the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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